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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ICRC DELEGATE

REF: ADDIS ABABA 1539

1. MISSION CONTACTED SANTSCHY WHO APOLOGIZED FOR FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE WITH SEBASTIAN AND AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA PRIOR TO DEPARTURE BUT EXPLAINED THAT HE LEFT OVER WEEKEND WHEN EMBASSY CLOSES.

2. SANTSCHY SAID HIS CONTACTS WITH ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT WERE PRINCIPALLY WITH PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SOME UNSPECIFIED MEMBERS OF THE DIRG, AND OFFICIALS OF THE PRISON SERVICE (PRESUMABLY MAJOR TEFFERA).

3. SANTSCHY SAID THAT HE HAD FAILED IN HIS EFFORTS BOTH TO VISIT POLITICAL DETAINEES, INCLUDING ROYAL FAMILY AND EX-MINISTERS AND TO DISCUSS PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE TO THE CIVIL POPULATION IN ERITREA. HE REPORTED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE EVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE LATTER SUBJECT. AS CONCERNS VISITS TO POLITICAL DETAINEES, SANTSCHY STATED THAT ETHIOPIAN
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OFFICIALS SAID HE COULD VISIT COMMON LAW PRISONERS

BUT NOT RPT NOT POLITICAL PRISONERS, WHICH HE
REFUSED TO DO.

4. SANTSCHY DID NOT SPEAK OF POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE
TO ETHIOPIAN RED CROSS.

5. COMMENT: IT SEEMED CLEAR FROM CONVERSATION
THAT SANTSCHY REGARDED HIS EFFORTS FUTILE AS CONCERNS
ATTAINMENT PRIMARY OBJECTIVES. BRUNGART

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